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REMARKS

The foregoing amendments and the following comments are responsive to the rejections set forth by the Examiner in the March 30, 2004 Final Office Action.

Claims 4, 13-16, 19-22, 25, 26 and 33-37 are pending in this application. In the Final Office Action, the Examiner allowed Claims 4 and 13-15, as confirmed in the April 21, 2004 *Interview Summary*. The Examiner rejected Claims 16 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and rejected Claims 20-22, 25 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 33-37 were previously withdrawn from consideration in response to a restriction requirement.

In response to the Final Office Action, Claims 16, 19-22, 25, 26 and 33-37 are canceled herein. Thus, only allowed Claims 4 and 13-15 remain in the present application.

In view of the cancellation of the rejected and withdrawn claims, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance with Claims 4 and 13-15. Applicants respectfully request prompt allowance of the present application.

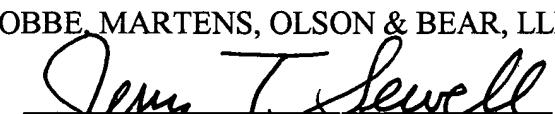
If there are any impediments to the prompt allowance of this application or if there are any questions or issues that may be resolved via a telephone interview, Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned attorney of record at 949-721-2849 (direct) or at the general office telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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